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Hartlaub, et al.	)	
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For: Patient Scheduling Techniques For	)	Confirmation No. 5026
An Implantable Medical Device	)	

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

MS: Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated July 5, 2006. The Office Action set a three-month period for response, thus making this paper due on or before **October 5, 2006**. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee for a one-month extension of time and any additional fees or credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

**Amendment to the Abstract** appears on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Specification** appear on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** appear on page 5 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 6 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.